



Arkansas Rice Update

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More on Caffey, Questions on CL271, CL163

Final USDA Numbers

As mentioned in the last update, the final USDA reports for 2014 were released this week. For the 2014 season Arkansas accounts for over 50% of the total U.S. rice acreage and total production. Only digging through numbers back to 2003, this is the first time Arkansas has surpassed that 50% mark (maybe ever, but the digging hasn't gone that deep yet).

Table 1. Rice area harvested 2012-2014.

| State | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Arkansas | 1,285,000 | 1,070,000 | 1,480,000 |
| California | 557,000 | 562,000 | 431,000 |
| Louisiana | 397,000 | 413,000 | 458,000 |
| Mississippi | 129,000 | 124,000 | 190,000 |
| Missouri | 177,000 | 156,000 | 213,000 |
| Texas | 134,000 | 144,000 | 147,000 |
| All Rice | 2,679,000 | 2,469,000 | 2,919,000 |

Table 2. Rice yield (bu/A) 2012-2014.

| State | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Arkansas | 166 | 168 | 168 |
| California | 181 | 188 | 191 |
| Louisiana | 143 | 162 | 158 |
| Mississippi | 160 | 164 | 165 |
| Missouri | 155 | 156 | 152 |
| Texas | 186 | 172 | 163 |
| All Rice | 166 | 171 | 168 |

Table 3. Arkansas harvest acreage 2012-2014.

| State | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Long | 1,170,000 | 950,000 | 1,265,000 |
| Medium | 114,000 | 119,000 | 214,000 |
| All Rice | 1,285,000 | 1,070,000 | 1,480,000 |

After announcing last week that Caffey did not meet requirements for Kellogg's, the next questions to hit are about CL271. First, while this announcement was a hit to Caffey, there will still be markets where this variety is accepted. Check around to see where you can go with Caffey if you want to grow some of it.

CL271, a new Clearfield medium-grain variety, looks promising, but there is currently no decision (for/against) any use. Hopefully any of those decisions will happen in the near future, but right now there is no word. The limited acreage that may be planted shouldn't have any difficulty finding a place to go for the same reasons mentioned for Caffey.

For CL163, a new Clearfield long-grain variety, seed availability will be limited in this first year of widespread release. This variety has a higher amylose content than our typical southern U.S. long-grain cultivars which may help to increase demand for it in some markets. However, as the first 'Newrex' type Clearfield variety (known for processing quality), its other characteristics make it well suited to be grown in general and it should be fine mixed in with other long-grain varieties.

2015 Rice Quick Facts

The [2015 Arkansas Rice Quick Facts](#) is now available online and laminated copies can be picked up at your local county Extension office. This one-page front and back fact sheet provides quick-reference information for basic rice production practices including seeding, fertility, and pest management.

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